Infiltration of Pak ISI in Madarasas

5696. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pak ISI has now launched a concerted move to infiltrate its trained agents in Madarasas in the border district of Barmer and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 16th April, 1994;

(b) whether the Central Government have taken note of this fact if so, the details thereof including state intelligence agencies report received/conveyed to Centre in this regard;

(c) whether Government of India have decided for fencing the entire Rajas than border like Punjab to check curb infiltrations into the State of Pak agents who are being sent in the guise of Moulvis for getting jobs in these Madarasas and there spotting suitable' talents' for further training; and

(d) if so, by when the work of fencing will start and till then what other remedial steps are being taken by Government of India to check infiltration into Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government are aware of ISI's design to destablise India's internal security. There have been reports of Madarasas in the border areas of Rajasthan being misutilised. The Central and State security agencies have been sensitised.

(c) and (d) Vulnerable areas of Bikaner and Ganganagar sectors in Rajasthan have already been fenced. Fencing of. Jaisalmer and Barmer sectors has been recently approved by the Government and the preliminary works have since started. The other steps taken by the Government to check infiltration includes gearing up of intelligence machinery, reducing the distance between BOPs, increasing the number of Patrols/Nakas, erection of OP towers, intensification of border patrolling, supply of various equipments for effective observation during day and night strengthening of BSF etc.

Restoration of democratic process in J & K

5697. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a meeting between the Prime Minister, the Internal Security Minister and Dr. Farooq Abdullah regarding restoration of democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir ; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting and steps taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Discussions regarding the restoration of the political/democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir have been held on a regular basis at various levels in the Government, and with leaders of various political parties, including Dr. Farooq Abdullah. This is a continuing process, and the suggestions received from time to time are considered while formulating the steps/action to be taken towards the above end.

Apart from maintaining sustained pressure on the militants with a view to containing violence and the fear of the gun; simultaneous efforts are being made to activate the local administration and strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism; accelerate the pace of development activity to draw the people into the mainstream; and to activate community leadership and the political clements so that a environment of normlacy can b restored.